

# barnet allotment federation

## NEWS & NOTES – June 2015

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### Site and plot competitions and the Ted Green memorial award

The time to enter the Federation's site and plot competitions has come round once again. As ever the Federation committee is extremely grateful to Stella Winskell-Moore for the time and effort she has put into organising the competitions.

The details, including entry forms, were circulated to societies on June 1<sup>st</sup>. There are separate competitions for best plot, for which each site may enter one plot, and for the best small and large sites. In addition, entries are invited for the Ted Green memorial award for an outstanding community initiative by an allotment society during the previous twelve months. The closing date for entries is July 3<sup>rd</sup> and the two rounds of judging will take place on July 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. While the initial judging will be undertaken by judges drawn from members of the Federation in order to produce short-lists of three plots, three small sites and three large sites, the final result will be decided by an independent judge.

Please encourage your society's committee to enter the competitions. Following some disquiet expressed last year about the judging, Stella has arranged training sessions for this year's judges to ensure standards of judging are consistent across the borough. So please don't be reluctant to enter this year because you were hard done by last year.

### Meeting with Barnet

A further progress meeting with Barnet Greenspaces was scheduled for June 5, but has now been postponed to June 11. Societies with outstanding issues which they wished the Federation representatives (Gill Saunders, Richard King and Hushang Balyuzi) to take to the meeting were asked to provide details, but if you have not done so, you can still contact Richard King - [richardking101@aol.com](mailto:richardking101@aol.com) – until the evening of June 10.

### Annual return to Barnet

You are reminded that, as required by your lease, your society's annual report to Barnet for the financial year April 1 2014 to March 31 2015 should reach the council by July 1. The information required is shown in the specimen form that you can find as a schedule to your lease.

### Federation's annual survey

All but three societies have sent in their annual survey returns, though a number have not provided accounts or financial forecasts. Information from the returns has been used to update the society and site information on the website, and will be analysed as in previous years and an anonymised summary will be made available to societies.

### Grow London

The Grow London gardening fair, which took place for the first time last year, returns to Hampstead Heath on June 19-21. The organisers have told us that free admission on Friday June 19 is available by clicking on the *buy tickets now* link on the website <http://growlondon.com/london/>, then selecting Friday and, when you have chosen the number of tickets you require, entering the code *GetGrowing*. We cannot guarantee that you will be successful but it was working on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

### Straw bale supplier

Janine Keech of Vale Farm knows of a farmer who could supply straw at a reasonable price with a £40 delivery charge for 50 bales. She can be contacted for further details by email [janine@valefarm.org](mailto:janine@valefarm.org) or phone 07940275519.

**Contact details** are on the website at <http://www.barnetallotments.org.uk/contact.php>